

Circuit Court.

Convenes first Monday in January. Court days in April and August. Gallatin Craig, circuit judge. Ivan Blair, prosecuting attorney. George W. Hogrefe, circuit clerk. John Ramsey, sheriff. Harry M. Irwin, stenographer.

Probate Court. Convenes second Mondays in February, May, August and November. George W. Murphy, probate judge.

County Court. Regular Terms: First Mondays in February, May, August and November. C. A. Doughty, presiding judge. G. W. Pullen, judge 1st district. M. S. Norman, judge 2d district. Enoch A. Welty, clerk of county court. Wm. M. Morris, deputy county clerk.

County Board of Health. C. A. Doughty, president. G. W. Pullen, vice-president. S. W. Aiken, county physician. Enoch A. Welty, secretary.

Collector of Revenue, Nicholas Stock. County Treasurer, Lewis L. Moore. Recorder of Deeds, James E. Weller. Superintendent of Schools, J. U. Croen.

Public Administrator, M. D. Walker. Superintendent of Poor, Almer Carson. Surveyor, C. G. Landon.

Mules for the Klondike. The British Government agent at Kansas City told the mule traders at that point Saturday night, that his government would not need any more mules for South Africa for several weeks.

Parole for the Youngers. It is stated with the greatest assurance that Cole and James Younger, serving life sentences at Stillwater Minnesota prison, will be paroled by the board of prison managers this week, and that the action of the board will be unanimous.

The Cost of Bad Roads. A carefully prepared map of transportation in all sections of the country gives the average wagon haul for produce to a market—that is to say, to a railroad or navigable water. This haul is, in the

Eastern states.....5.9 miles Northern states.....6.9 miles Southern states.....8.8 miles Cotton states.....12.6 miles Prairie states.....8.8 miles Pacific states.....21.3 miles To get a ton of freight to market, to railroad or boat, by wagon, cost in the Eastern states.....\$1.80 Northern states.....1.80 Southern states.....2.72 Cotton states.....3.65 Prairie states.....1.94 Pacific states.....5.12 The difference in cost per ton per mile is due to the difference in the quality of the roads, and, therefore, in the hauling power of the horse. The cost in the Pacific states is 21 cents per ton per mile, while the railroad charge is less than half a cent per ton per mile. The average cost of the wagon haul all over the United States is 25 cents per mile.

Our Beef in England. Quite a number of our esteemed exchanges have been reading long lessons to the American people over the new regulation that the English army is to be supplied with home-grown beef. Without repeating the ridiculous statement of fact will be all enough. England does not grow enough meat to supply her own food demands. Hence it must be imported. If she requires English grown beef for the army, the general market will require just that much more imported beef. Hence our exports will not be affected in volume.

The new plan is simply experimental, and is to be tried for six months. The total weekly supply for the army is 200,000 pounds, and this is barely 2 per cent of the weekly imports of refrigerated beef from the United States. See return of Agriculture Wilson showed that the new arrangement is just as broad as it is long when he said: "It can make little difference to our producers whether the British take enough from the home grown supply to feed the soldiers, for if they do that they must import just that much more to supply the deficiency."

Farmer Cochran. Congressman C. F. Cochran, of this district, is ambitious to become a farmer and live-stock grower. He is very sensitive on the subject of his experience in farming, and advising the rural constituents of this district on agricultural matters. He is constantly being appealed to by constituents for information. A letter received by him recently contained a question rather embarrassing to the statesman. It wanted to know in what proportion coal oil and hog lard should be mixed to kill lice on chickens, and another constituent wants to know if there is really anything in the "sign" about planting potatoes in the dark of the moon. How horses should be dieted in the cropping season, when hedge should be cut, and other problems are taking up the attention of the representative, who will reply in due time.

"People seem to think I know all about agriculture, simply because I bought a farm in Southern Missouri to put my son on," said Mr. Cochran. "I can raise strawberries and Arizona grapes in the same lot, and peach trees planted on a cattle range, and that is more than most of my critics can do. I know enough about farming not to stock my chicken pens with weasels and sheep ranch with timber wolves. I may be a little short on some features of practical farming, but I do know that there are certain animals that will not dwell together in peace and harmony. If I become an agriculturist for the remainder of my days, I shall not attempt to change the laws of nature or try to accomplish that which is impossible."

The State Bankers association will hold its annual session in St. Joseph, May 22-23.

Reaches Her Majority.

On May 12, 1880, our sister city of Maitland was born. On that day the town plat of the city was for record. Therefore on Sunday next, she will be 21 years of age.

The depot site was laid out March, 1880.

The grading of the Nodaway Valley railroad between Maitland and Bigelow was finished in April, 1880.

The town was incorporated May 3, 1881. The trustees were: E. F. Weller, W. A. Graham, J. E. Phillips, who was the first mayor; David Kennedy, J. W. Wensch.

It became a city of the fourth class March 1, 1885.

In June, 1881, the first assessment of the town was made: town lots, \$20,650; personal, \$12,500; total, \$33,150.

In June, 1900, the town lots were assessed at \$102,705; personal, \$70,235; total, \$172,940.

In April, 1882, Maitland became a special school district; valuation, \$76,110; enumeration, 102. In 1900, the assessable wealth of the district was \$218,106; enumeration, 279.

The first officers of the city under 4th class organization, was: Hiram Blazer, mayor; Ed. L. Hart, city clerk; Marshal, J. H. Chambers; Collector, M. Cope land; Police Judge, Jas. Stacey; Assessor, F. M. Coyne.

Her population in 1880 was 481; in 1890, 805.

In June, 1880, J. W. Wensch erected the first building in the city. It was used as a lumber office. The second building was that of E. F. Weller, which was moved from the Whig Valley, the first dry goods store, and located on Main and First streets. The first store building was erected by Garrett & Sonps, and used as a drug store.

Dave Kennedy's blacksmith shop followed; then C. D. Messenger's hardware store, where the Broad Gauge now stands.

It is now the third city in population and wealth.

The Farmers' bank was the first institution of the kind established in Maitland. This was in November, 1881, by E. F. Weller and others. The Peoples' bank was established in November, 1885, by D. A. Gelvin and others.

The Independent was the first newspaper established, by J. J. Moulton, February, 1881; it is now known as the Herald, by Ed. C. Kennish.

The first flour mill erected was by W. G. Mumpower, in October, 1882.

In 1885, the total bank deposits amounted to \$95,541; in December 1900, they were \$234,922.

The "Valley" was the town's first hotel; it was built by D. C. Everhart in 1881 and its first host was George Baublit.

Her opera house was built in 1883, by P. L. Bohart and John A. Fields.

The Maitland fair association was organized in 1882, with a capital of \$8,000, which was afterwards increased to \$10,000; the first fair was held in September, 1882.

It became a presidential postoffice January 1, 1900.

The second paper established was "The Newspaper," by W. M. Carr, April 27, 1880. It ceased publication January 10, 1901.

In 1880 the Christian church was organized. In 1881, the Methodists reformed the old Whig Valley structure to form and organized. Their present building was dedicated in November, 1885. The United Brethren organized in 1887. The Presbyterian's organized in July 1880.

The first secret society was the A. O. U. W., organized in October, 1880. The I. O. O. F. in November, 1884. The G. A. R., February 6, 1883. The Knights of Pythias, October, 1891. The A. F. & A. M., 1890. Fraternal A. d., June 17, 1894. Modern Woodmen, September, 1897.

The grounds upon which her school building is erected, was donated by the railroad company; the bonds to build her present school building was voted in April, 1883.

She was visited by a cyclone February 26, 1881. By a damaging hail storm June 22, 1897. August 13-14, 1893, by a 7 1/2 inch rain fall.

In 1882 she shipped 271 cars of live stock and in 1889 there were 701 cars shipped.

Roy Stevens was the first child born in the city.

The Maitland postoffice, was in fact, a removal from Whig Valley, which moved the commission also which was held by E. F. Weller, who resigned in 1881, and Joseph Hatfield became the postmaster.

E. F. Weller bought the first town lot upon for sale—it was lot 13, block 10. Cornelius Silvers erected the first livery barn in 1882.

Charles Leach was the first railroad agent.

Swickard & Sorepe in 1883 put up the first elevator.

Dr. Downey was the town's first physician.

R. I. Ken was the attorney to locate in the town.

W. D. Galloway was the first justice of the peace.

Lee Harriman was killed in Maitland, July 22, 1894, by G. W. Moulton, who was acquitted in the following October.

A. A. Milligan was drowned in Nodaway river, near Maitland, August 10, 1885.

Hattie, Ida and Robert Welch, aged 11, 9 and 6 years respectively, were drowned in the Nodaway, near Maitland, August 9, 1892.

W. B. Cottrell, farmer near Maitland, suicided by strychnine, June 6, 1884.

A party named Johnson, shot and killed himself with a revolver, June 17, 1884.

Mrs. John Paul, suicided by rough on rats, August 1, 1894.

Lodis Simms, near Maitland, died by her own hands, strychnine, September 8, 1897.

Her fire record is as follows: December 12, 1884, G. H. Holt, barn, December 28, 1884, Commercial hotel, damaged; cigar factory, paint shop and barber shop destroyed.

April 16, 1886, Stalls at the fair ground destroyed.

May 8, 1880, The Bundy restaurant was damaged.

July 18, 1893, The City hotel was destroyed.

August 15, 1893, The Bohart barn was destroyed.

December 16, 1898, The John Clark

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How to Assess.

State Auditor Allen has issued his circular of instructions to assessors as to how to proceed to assess property to meet the requirements of what is known as the third constitutional amendment. In the circular he takes a hypothetical case showing the practical application, and submits his ideas of the corresponding entries upon the books of the assessor and tax books, viz:

Depot site, November 14, 1881. Hodgkin Grant; held up June 10, 1881. Kenyon J. M.; store, July 9, 1885. Meadows F.; residence, July 15, 1883. Residences of Ben Bundy, H. W. and S. D. Robinson, Dr. Hall, Elijah Rowlett, Al. Boring and Newt Roberts, August 29-31, 1885.

Fields and Graves; store, September 28, 1885. Farmers Bank, April 14, 1896. Hobbsell & Nute's store, October 6, 1896.

Bohart Peter; store, October 18, 1897. Phillips J. W.; store, October 13, 1897. Hatfield & Wyman; store, January 1898.

Frederick G. W.; residence, April 17, 1899. Russell S. D.; residence, March 26, 1899. Pinkney Ed.; residence, August 4, 1900. Graves C. T.; residence, September 20, 1900.

Lucky Bankers. Attorney General Cook rendered State Auditor Allen an important opinion regarding the assessments of mortgages on real estate held by banks.

The attorney general holds that since banks pay taxes on their shares of stock and surplus, to tax the mortgages held by them would be double taxation. By the opinion he says: "The third constitutional amendment of 1900 was adopted for the purpose of averting double taxation, and to secure to the citizens equal and exact justice as near as may be in the assessment of land and the notes secured by deeds of trust and mortgages thereon."

It has been the policy of our state to assess banking corporations upon the value of their shares of stock and surplus less the value of the real estate which is otherwise assessed, and I see nothing in the constitutional amendment above mentioned which warrants a change in that policy. To assess both the shares of stock and surplus at full value and the notes as secured, would at once destroy the uniformity in assessment and taxation, sought to be obtained by the amendment in question."

The Cow and the Hen. The product of the dairy and the hen in the United States in the year 1900 amounted to \$675,000,000. It will be interesting to compare this with the value of some other principal products: Dairy and hen.....\$675,000,000 Hay.....351,000,000 Cotton (1899).....335,000,000 Wheat.....323,000,000 Oats.....290,000,000 Pig iron (1899).....245,000,000 Coal (1899).....256,000,000 Copper (1899).....104,000,000 Gold and silver (1899).....132,000,000

Of this cow and hen product we export about 1 per cent, consuming 99 per cent ourselves. Here again is an illustration of our enormous home market. Add to the above product fruits and nuts, and we have a total of \$800,000,000, practically all sold in the home market. Could our laboring classes use the butter, the eggs, the milk, the poultry and the fruit which they do, if they were idle or their wages reduced to foreign levels? That's the whole story.—American Economist.

The Boys Band favored our citizens and the farming people who were in town doing their trading, with a delightful open air concert, Saturday afternoon. Everybody appreciated it.

Remarkable Case.

About ten years ago, Wm. Peters cut his foot on a piece of glass. He does not remember the time but it was when a livery barn burned in Oregon. He was at the fire, and while running out a long gash in his foot to the bone.

A doctor dressed the wound and sewed it up. It healed, and gave Mr. Peters no more trouble until last winter, while over in Kansas, it began to cause him much suffering. After coming here and making his home at the Commercial, his foot became so sore that he could not wear a shoe. Last Monday, physicians of this city operated upon the foot and found a piece of glass two one and fourth inches long and one inch wide, which had evidently passed through the bone and was working its way to the surface. It was removed, and Mr. Peters is out, wearing a slipper, and thinks he will have no more trouble. The operation caused him much pain. The glass adhered firmly to the place where it was imbedded, so there was considerable shouting for a time. Mr. Peters says he didn't take anything but a chew of tobacco.—Maitland Herald.

It was on the evening of September 23, 1891, that the Kyger livery barn was destroyed by fire, and it was on this occasion that our friend Peters got the glass in his foot. The barn stood on the lot just west of Moore & Kreeks grocery store, which is still vacant and now owned by Mrs. Jennie Peter. Moore & Kunkel and Price & Chadduck occupied buildings on the site now occupied by the Moore & Kreeks grocery store; they were old and dilapidated frame structures. Moore & Kunkel occupied the north room with a harness stock, and Price & Chadduck conducted a butcher shop.

There is quite a sentiment astir in Kansas City and Omaha against the Sunday saloon. We believe that these resorts should be closed on Sunday, and we hope that these cities will take the lead in this matter.

The school board met in regular session Monday and employed the same teachers for the coming school year. Prof. J. M. Hill, principal; Miss Mattie Salaver, primary.—Craig Leader.

County Court.

The regular May term of our county court is now being held, and is still in session at the time of our going to press. The road petitioned for by T. S. Bragg and others, Commissioner Landon filed his report, and the change in the road was ordered as surveyed and marked out in said report.

The sheriff was ordered to have all prisoners confined the jail, and all those coming into his custody for confinement, vaccinated, so as to lessen the liability from spreading of smallpox or other contagious diseases.

Treasurer Moore filed his report as treasurer, which was approved.

Commissioner Landon was instructed to make estimate of cost of building three bridges north of Pine Hill school house, and make his report at the June term of the court.

The E. P. Clay township, an epileptic, was ordered sent to the St. Joseph asylum.

Commissioner Landon was instructed to survey and make estimate of the cost of grading and necessary bridging, to be done to improve the road along Little Tarkon west from the residence of Horace True.

R. B. Bridgeman, as attorney, presented plat of O. D. Bittman and others, for a new public road in Clay township, and also for parties filed remonstrance. The cause was continued to the June term of the court.

Frank Peter filed report of commissioners in the private road petitioned by Samuel C. Evans and others.

A. J. Carson filed his report as superintendent of poor farm, for quarter ending February 28th, showing expenditures to have been \$200.00; receipts, \$65.39.

The court made the following levy for taxes for the year 1901: County revenue 30 cents on the \$100 valuation; 10 cents on the \$100 valuation for county road district purposes; for road and bridge purposes, 10c on the \$100 valuation.

A good fruit farm of 80 acres, perpetual spring, 2 houses, 3 miles from town. For sale by Wm. Kaucher, Oregon.

Services will be held at the New Point Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Caldwell. Miss Minnie Murray of Oregon, who is under appointment to go to Africa, as a missionary, will address the congregation in the evening.

Circuit Court.

Judge Craig is well stocked with hangarons—he did not adjourn court until Saturday noon, and it looked for a while that he would stay over and attend divine worship in our pleasant little city Sunday. He cleaned up the docket in excellent shape to enable him to "light out" at noon Saturday. A vast amount of business was disposed of at this term, and continuances, what few there were, were mostly taken by parties in the suit.

We give the cases disposed of during the last three days of the court:

F. X. Ruiser vs. Adelbert G. Young Equity. Finding for plaintiff for \$200, and that note for \$252 signed by plaintiff payable to defendant filed as counter claim in the matter of consideration and void.

In the matter of trust estate of B. K. Hines, Catherine Gallagher, Trustee. Clerk directed to docket this cause for the August term, and trustee directed to make report at such term.

In the matter of the Lower Bottom Drainage District of Holt County, Missouri. Ordered that all costs made in the cause except costs made on motion to withdraw be taxed against all parties pet timed; it was further ordered that all costs made on motion to withdraw from petition be taxed against parties withdrawing.

Sarah Taylor vs. The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Craig, a corporation and Robert M. Price, Trustee. Equity. This is also a very interesting case. It is an injunction suit brought by Mrs. Taylor compelling the bank from enforcing a deed of trust in her real estate. She alleges she was induced to sign the note and deed of trust without understanding what she was doing and without receiving adequate consideration, and therefore prayed that she be released from the obligations of the deed of trust. She is represented by H. B. Williams and Judge O'Fallon; the bank by E. J. Kellogg and John W. Stokes. Cause was continued for purpose of an accounting between plaintiff and defendant. Robert J. Taylor to be heard at August term.

Nora Hitt vs. Hamilton Boyd and Minnie Boyd. Appeal from J. P. Death of Hamilton Boyd suggested Dismissed.

Samuel Seerl, Rebecca Kunkel, et al. vs. Andrew Meyer, Annie E. Long, et al. Plaintiff file amended petition. Continued.

Loftis J. Wale vs. Ira Stephenson, Nancy Stephenson and R. S. Stephenson. Revive judgment. Defendants default. Judgment revived.

Pink Youman vs. Daniel Boswell, Spencer Boswell, et al. Note. Continued.

City of Oregon vs. Leford Goatcher. Appeal from police court. Continued.

L. I. Moore vs. M. D. Walker, administrator of estate of Martha Ball, deceased. Appeal from Probate Court. Continued.

S. W. Aiken vs. M. D. Walker, administrator of estate of Martha Ball, deceased. Appeal from Probate Court. Continued.

Joseph J. Flynn vs. Owen Soden. Ejectment. Judgment for plaintiff and motion of restitution ordered.

William M. Gossett vs. George Devores. Certiorari. Continued on motion for new trial.

Bailey M. Beesley vs. Caleb Goins. Ejectment. Continued.

R. F. McDaniel, Ex parte. Continued. In the matter of estate of Gerhardt Henry Holzgreve, Giles A. Laughlin, Trustee. Giles A. Laughlin discharged as trustee.

Gertrude Spencer and M. D. Spencer her husband vs. The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Craig, a corporation and Robert M. Price, Trustee. Equity. Motion for new trial overruled; judgment on finding.

State by Collector vs. E. F. Gould. Taxes. Defendant Gould defaults. Judgment for \$1.80.

James T. Maxwell vs. Elizabeth Quibby and Leroy Quibby. Motion to tax cost. Motion to tax costs sustained.

Annie R. Landrey vs. Benjamin F. Landrey. Divorce. Decree for plaintiff and \$300 alimony.

William Burns vs. Sarah Burns. Divorce. Continued.

Newton R. Mullis vs. Mary E. Mullis. Divorce. Continued.

The state treasurer has sent his check for \$1893.98 to County Treasurer Moore to pay the costs in the following state cases: Charles Wickiser, Fred Drew, Chas. King, Geo. Irwin, G. A. Laughlin, David Miller, W. J. Fields, Young & Brown.

Miss Fawn Evans, of Kansas City, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Evans, and aunts, Mrs. C. R. Edwards and Mrs. Kate Thatcher, and uncle, Dr. C. L. Evans, of this city.

The quarterly meeting at the Evangelical church, will begin this Friday evening. Preaching Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. All are cordially invited.

Small pox has prevailed at Stanberry for several weeks past, but the facts were suppressed until Monday. Dr. J. M. James, a member of the state board of health, went up, examined the cases and announced the facts. There are said to be from 150 to 300 people sick out with the disease, and it is thought that there will be many more cases, owing to the reckless manner in which the disease has been allowed to spread. The doctors say that it is a very mild form of the plague and that no deaths yet resulted from it.—Darlington Record.

The Weather. Corrected weekly by William Kaucher Justice of the Peace, Oregon, Mo.

Precipitation. Rain. Snow.

May 1 87 57
2 88 62
3 86 63
4 82 57
5 70 57
6 55 50
7 50 47
8 48 47
9 38 52

The rainfall for May this far is about normal. The temperature also is normal and cloudiness much greater than usual. The first and second days were fair, and would be counted clear, under the rules of the weather bureau.

Snow fell in Colorado, a few days ago, to the depth of a foot, and we have felt the effect of it here in cold rains and cloudy weather. We usually have a period of this kind which, when it occurs, during the time of blooming, destroys a large part of the fruit, especially apples. This has not occurred this year.

I den's Lake House
At Big Lake.

BIG LAKE is located 4 miles southwest of Bigelow, Mo., and 3 miles north-west of Portage, Mo. If you desire a good hunting or fishing place you will find it here. For first class board and lodging come to my house. Have for rent Boats, Fishing Tackle, Torches and Oil for spearing at night. Stable room and board for teams. Also good transportation from Bigelow and Portage to the Lake. Clear, pure, reasonable. Sportsmen will find a supply of Ammunition, Fishing Tackle, Cigars, Tobacco, Confections, Soda Pop, Canned Goods, Lunch, Etc., always on hand. Have made improvements in the way of more room, having just completed an addition that gives me four more large rooms, and can now accommodate all who call.

JOHN IDEN, Prop'r, POSTOFFICE ADDRESS, BIGELOW, MO.

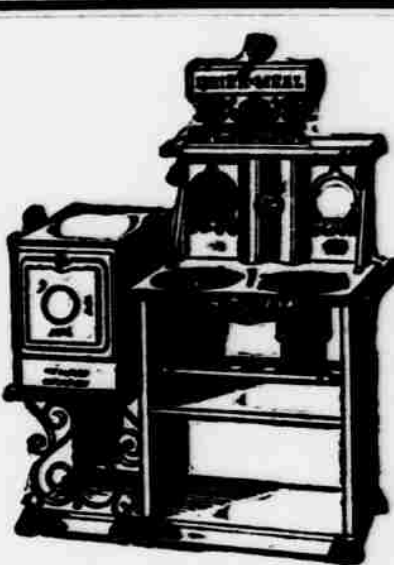
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In accordance with an order of the County Court of the County of Holt and State of Missouri, the undersigned Road Commissioner of Holt County, Missouri, will receive

SEALED BIDS
for the following work up to twelve o'clock noon,

Friday, May 10, 1901.

No. 30. Building a 20 foot pile bridge near the quarter section corner between sections fifteen and sixteen, in township sixty-two, range thirty-eight.

No. 31. A twenty foot pile bridge on the north line of section twenty-two, in township sixty-two, range thirty-eight.

No. 32. An eighty foot bridge near the center of the northeast quarter of section seventeen, in township sixty-one, range thirty-nine.

No. 33. A twenty two foot pile bridge on the section line between sections nineteen and twenty, in township fifty-nine, range thirty-seven.

No. 34. Repairing a forty foot pile bridge near the quarter section corner between sections sixteen and twenty-one, in township sixty-two, range thirty-eight.

It is further ordered by the court that no bids will be considered unless accompanied by cash or a certified check of an amount equal to twenty per cent of the amount bid, said amount to be returned if bid is not accepted; or if bid is accepted to be retained until satisfactory bond is given, and if bond is not given within sixty days, said sum to be forfeited to the county of Holt and State of Missouri.

Plans will be on file with the County Clerk, or at my office in Forest City, Mo., on and after May 1st, 1901.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Court, this 16th day of April,